



**Frederick County Sustainability Commission**  
**Unofficial Meeting Minutes for**  
**4/19/17**



**FCSC Attendees:** Tom Anderson, Jennifer Bird, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Tim Jones, Elizabeth Peterson, John Ferri

**OSER:** Shannon Moore

**Public:** Bonnie Griesemer, Jane Dennison, Kathy Kinsey, Samantha Hogan, Angelia Miller, Linda Williamson

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- A. The Vice Chair (Ron Kaltenbaugh) welcomed all FCSC members and guests.

**II. Vice Chair Items**

- A. Approval of March minutes.
1. Correction: Add John Ferry's name, Section 2E (two of's)
  2. Approval of March Minutes with corrections. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes, John seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.
- B. Review Action Items
1. Indicators to be discussed at future meeting.
  2. Green Teams – Tom will attend tree planting in Thurmont on Earth Day with their green team. Ron noted that Frederick City has openings on their committee.

**III. State Legislative Update/Review**

- A. State Legislative Wrapup

1. MD banned fracking (HB 1325/SB740)
2. Veto override supporting the 2016 Clean Energy Jobs Act. Explains the state's commitment to purchasing renewable energy.
3. Statewide ban of non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in agriculture.
4. MD will keep state pollinator habitats free of pollinator killing pesticides.
5. Clean Cars Act, extends tax credits for EVs to 2020.
6. Protection for MD's oyster sanctuaries.
7. Balancing local control with state-wide interest for large scale energy siting.
8. Codification of the EmPower Energy Efficiency Program.
9. Statewide ban on Styrofoam did not pass. State regulations requiring all new septic systems to include Best Available Technologies (BAT) will only apply in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. Forest Conservation Act changes did not pass.

#### **IV. EPP Meeting Status Update**

- A. Diane Fouche will attend the May FCSC meeting to discuss EPP and how FCSC can support.
- B. May 25 workshop with Sustainable MD at Frederick City offices.
  1. Invitations to local elected officials and green teams. Schools also to be invited.
  2. Educate smaller municipalities on opportunities to piggy back on State, County, or City contracts.
  3. We will look into donations of food and drinks.
  4. Ron will provide the save the date to EPP workgroup members.

**V. Solar Bill Discussion**

**A. Second version of Solar Bill**

1. Planning Commission is suggesting additional changes to the bill, such as reducing the 2 mile buffer along Rt 15 to one mile.
2. The 10% of tillable acreage language is still included.
3. FCSC to consider whether to submit additional comments.

**VI. What's Next Phase 2 Report Update**

- A. Town Hall April 20, 2017.

**VII. OSER and Livable Frederick: EE Work Group Updates**

A. Bonnie has organized a trail cleanup and storm drain stenciling on Earth Day at Ballenger Creek Elementary.

B. Lia organized a replanting of a stream restoration corridor using volunteers. The project has a 70% success rate, improved over previous plantings. The County received a Gold Award as part of the Plant Award program.

C. Creek Releaf program will fund plantings on private properties to protect stream buffers.

D. Linda is organizing development of asbuilt plans for SWM ponds throughout the County.

E. Livable Frederick comprehensive planning effort has moved to the Planning Commission Phase.

1. Next meeting Tues April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, will discuss Environment and Energy.

2. E&E committee has discussed items including a Green Infrastructure Plan, tree canopy coverage, outreach for ecology, increasing the recycling rate, large scale energy audit and retrofit programs, environmental impact of development, restoring and protecting wetlands, protecting brook trout, adequate wastewater systems, plans for climate change, and electric and autonomous vehicle infrastructure.

F. Sustainability Office to be moved under the County Executive's Office

1. This will allow for greater visibility and help to prioritize projects and better coordinate with other offices.

#### **VIII. Commission Members Items of Interest**

- Jenn – Attended ASCE meeting with discussion of Ellicott City storm and next steps.
- Ron K – Participated in an Electric Vehicle car show in Shab Row on April 1. Good foot traffic and public interest. Workhorse firm will have an unveiling of a new electric pickup in CA in May. Attended climate change workshop in Colorado in March and this past Sunday presented a summary of that workshop. Naturefest at Catoctin Creek Park on April 22.
- Tim – West Frederick Farmer’s market will be at the Frederick Fairgrounds starting April 29 at 10am.
- Elizabeth – Bioblitz on May 7 in Mt. Airy. Inaturalist App will help you identify species.
- Tom – Green Neighbor Festival weekend of May 20 at Baker Park, Culler Lake.

#### **Public Comments**

- None.

#### **Action Items:**

8-18-16. Choose water quality/watershed indicators to help develop sustainability goals.

10-10-15. FCSC committees: Invite community volunteers to join.

10-8-15. County Green Teams: Ron has assembled a comprehensive list that includes municipalities with teams and contact information shown.

**Adjournment:** Following a motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.